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A Few Ants from the Mackenzie River Delta

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During the month of July, 1948, Dr. Marie Hammer of Copenhagen, Denmark, collected a few ants on the dry bluffs near Reindeer Station on the Mackenzie River Delta, Canada. Most of the ants were nesting in rotten wood. This collection is of interest because of the scarcity of ant records from the Arctic; Reindeer Station is well above the Arctic Circle and only a few miles from the Arctic Sea.

Workers and females of Camponotus herculcanus Linn. and workers of Formica fusca Linn. were taken on several occasions nesting in rotten logs, branches and stumps. Leptothorax (Mychothorax) acervorum subsp. canadensis Prov. was taken twice as single stray workers, once in a rotten stump and once among leaves on the ground. One of the two Leptothorax specimens seemed transitional to the Alaskan subspecies kincaidi Pergande.

The determinations of the above were made in accordance with the manuscript of Dr. William S. Creighton's forthcoming book on North American ants.